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RE: Bystolic on Medicaid PDL

ATTN: Tamara Bide
Medicaid Pharmacy Supervisor
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As a Cardiologist in Twin Falls, I treat a large population of hypertensive patients. Some of which are Medicaid patients. Bystolic is a preferred drug that I reach for quite often to treat uncontrolled hypertension. I like Bystolic because of its unique properties and ability to use safely in conjunction with other medications.

I find it useful if not essential to have an alternative to generic beta blockers like Metoprolol and Carvedilol. It would be my recommendation that you favorably consider Bystolic as an addition to the Medicaid formulary for 2011. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



David I. Kemp MD, FAGC



Rocky Mountain Diabetes and Osteoporosis Center

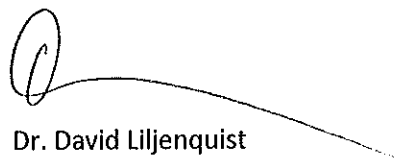
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Tami Eide
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
3232 Elder Street
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Dear Ms. Eide:

We would like to encourage you to keep Byetta at the current status on your formulary. We consider Byetta an essential tool in the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. We know it allows our patients to achieve improved blood glucose control with decreased stress to the beta cells of the pancreas. Ultimately this provides a financial savings to Idaho Medicare and a reduced risk of secondary disease for our patients.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Liljenquist